



SEMCU Foundation
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024, at 6:00PM
In-Person at Madera County Library
and Virtual Meeting

Call to Order – Dov called meeting to order @ 6:04 pm

Roll Call

- Dov Adler (in person)
- Verlaine Elinburg (in person)
- Al Solis (by phone)
- Igal Treibatch (in person)
- Robin Konegni (online)
- Sarbjit Johal (online)
- Anthony Forestiere (online)
- Summer Skov (in person)
- Ron Sekhon (in person)
- Mike (online)

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Igal
- 2nd: Dov
- Vote: all approved

Public Comments - None

Officer Reports

- o Dov Adler, President – Nothing to report
- o Verlaine Elinburg, Treasurer
 - \$5,647.86 – Beginning balance
 - \$60 – 3 spaces for Flatlander’s Fair
 - \$600 – Newspaper ad for Flatlander’s
 - \$500 – Donation for “Margaritas at the Mahils’ ” on May 5th (7 tickets)
 - \$4,537.86 – Ending balance
- o RWMG Report from Al Solis
 - March 25th
 - 17 participants
 - \$24,764.50 – Balance
 - Accounting function not yet resolved

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- Bylaws update – None
- Broad Act – How to govern – Not resolved – Bobby McCauley is checking with the State to see how that can be resolved
- Conflicting with the Bronx – No resolution
- Calculation Nitric Control Program – Currently giving \$50 gift cards to people who give information on the system
- RWMG Funding – Mountain County & Kern County implementation discussed.
- Indian Lake – Project complete
- Parkwood Project – Moving along smoothly. About 45 meters installed per week. They expect all meters to be installed by end of April
- City of Madera – No new report
- City of Chowchilla – No new report
- \$125,000 with the DWP – Working a draft agreement on how to use those funds.
- Drought agreement - Call for a project – Had to be filed by April 10th; did not hear how many projects were filed before that cut-off
- No new members proposed
- Next meeting: Continuation of Jacob contract, new members, Madera Chowchilla
- Question by Igal: Would like to know when the next grant funds are available

□ New Business Discussion Items

- o Flatlander’s Parade – Saturday, May 18th
 - Discussed donations; not monetary, only items being donated
 - Parade Route – Igal spoke with Jordan Wamhoff on route (Road 36)
 - Per Verlaine: Restrooms will be OPEN during Fair, per Chamber of Commerce
 - SEMCU’s Float Planning – Being worked on w/ two 4’ x 8’ signs (to be saved for future) designed and ordering w/ approval:
 - Motion: Igal – To accept draft signs & print for float
 - 2nd: Verlaine
 - Vote: all approved
- o Flatlander’s Fair – Yard Sale
 - 3 booths – 2 for donations, 1 for SEMCU – Our location not identified; Verlaine will handle
 - Donations status – Robin & Verlaine sorted items; Scott: provided truck & trailer, storing until the day of the fair. Verlaine wants to hold yard sales at her place each weekend prior to the Fair; Seniors could come by to select items (for free)
 - Igal suggested to donate leftover donations to charity
 - Logistics for the sale of the donated items discussed, i.e.: pricing, tags, etc.
 - Volunteers to staff SEMCU booth & for the donor sales discussed. Not veterans. Maybe students from school (Mike coordinating with Arpy Imirian, the Liberty HS Activities Director), maybe SEMCU members. Scott can get “volunteers” from farm workers.
 - Booth Set-up – early morning by 9am and taken down after 2 pm
 - Raffle at the fair – Verlaine sending raffle tickets to those who donated. 4 handed out. Those who purchase items can get a raffle ticket/s.

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- Sign for Raffle – Summer volunteered to make a sign about the raffle.
 - Prizes for Raffle – Large items donated and \$100 gift cards – Summer suggested donating a tumbler; Igal mentioned the coat hanger he made & wants to bring. Also: **Pizza for-a-year? Summer's daughter** works @ a **café** & have agreed to **donate 2 \$25 gift certificates** for food.
 - Signage – Verlaine helping to set up booths & staff one stall. Using previous signs; Igal will pull out with Scott to prepare. Reminding Igal to select old signs for the booth
 - SEMUCU donating up to \$1,000 to sponsor fair operations – No check; instead, Verlaine pays for expenses (in form of invoices) up to \$1,000.
- o Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent – SEMCU Speaks
- April article – Last month Igal mentioned an email from Madera Farm Bureau on 68% loss of family farming & State proposing taking full control of water allocation. Igal writing.
 - May article – Deadline is the day *before* Flatlander's Parade & Fair – Goes out after parade – Suggestions were about an article on the donations being received
 - June article – Summer will write post-Flatlander's Parade & Fair article
 - July article – Dov possibly
- o Grant Writing Committee – Proposal of a monthly meeting, 2nd Tuesday each month @ 6pm. Wish to collaborate and begin moving forward and who will attend. Sarbjit founded the group; Igal wants to participate. Eric Rosen will probably attend. Mike coordinating with Robin about the minutes and who will host.
- Motion: by Igal to revisit the grant program
 - 2nd: Summer
 - Vote: all approved
- o Habitat for Humanity, Greater Fresno Area – Igal met with a Ashley Hedemann, a family member, who is the CEO of Habitat for Humanity and they might be able to collaborate with SEMCU. Igal suggested Robin meet her to discuss.
- o Margaritas and Lunch (Annual Scholarship Fundraiser) at the Mahils' – Sunday, May 5th
- Sponsorship (\$500) approved last meeting
 - Check sent to: Madera County Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund, 1102 S. Pine Street, Madera, CA 93637
 - Mahils' address: 8808 Road 30, Madera, 93637.
 - Who will be attending the lunch: Summer confirmed; Mike emailed board the information, as SEMCU paid for 7 lunches
- o Fire Prevention Campaign – Passing on this campaign for this year, per Igal.
- Next Foundation Meeting** – Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:00pm
- Adjournments – 6:48 pm**